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Pennsylvania are all to be warmly congratulated on this addition to their series. For it will be an enduring monument to the ripe scholarship of Dr. Radau and of his mastery of the exceedingly difficult script, languages, and history of early Babylonia.

ALAN SPENCER HAWKESWORTH.

HISTORY OF THE MEDIAEVAL SCHOOL OF INDIAN LOGIC. By *Satis Chandra Vidyabhusana*. Calcutta: Calcutta University, 1909. Pp. 188.

This is a pioneer work in so far as the author has scarcely any predecessors in the field of Indian logic. Buddhist logic has been treated by several scholars, but for his sources of the Jaina logic he has to fall back mainly on unpublished and unedited manuscripts scattered all over Western India and the Deccan, and also preserved in some libraries. The book would have been more useful to Western people if he had considered the general ignorance of Sanskrit which prevails outside of India. A Western reader will probably be deterred from venturing into further study of the book if he reads the first sentences: "Logic is generally designated in India as Nyaya-shastra. It is also called Tarka-shastra, Hetu-vidya, Pramana-shastra, Anviksiki and Phakika-shastra." (We here replace in this quotation the accented "s" by "sh.")

Since the book is meant for Sanskrit scholars this is scarcely a drawback, but we would suggest to the author if in a future edition he would feel the need of elaborating his work, to take into consideration also the uninitiated who are willing and anxious to learn. The book is very scholarly and is a new evidence that the Hindu race has worthy representatives who are well-trained thinkers. The book is divided into two parts: (1) The Jaina Logic, pages 1 to 55, and (2) The Buddhist Logic, pages 57 to 144. Three appendices contain some historical notes about the university of Nalanda (about 300 to 850 A. D.), and the Royal University of Vikramasila (about 800 to 1200 A. D.)

DIE DREI WELTEN DER ERKENNTNISTHEORIE. Von Dr. Julius Schultz. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1907. Pp. 104. Price, 2.80 m.

Dr. Julius Schultz is a philosophical author who writes in a popular and sprightly style. In criticizing the views of others he employs sometimes the weapon of humor without however yielding to malevolence. He points out that the philosopher starts with the data of experience, but the question is, what are these data? The logician declares that thought is given; the sensualist, sensation; and the empiricist, the naive world-conception of man. Dr. Schultz shows that a point commonly overlooked is the question, to whom are the data given; for the same object may be different to different observers. The first world of which he speaks is the empirical world, which has to be analyzed through the forms of thought, or as Kant would say, the categories. The second world is truth, and the object of the second world, matter. The third world, when trying to attain to ultimate certitude, is not, as Descartes says, *cogito* or the "I think," nor is it as his critics would say, *cogitat*, an impersonal thinking, but the imperative *cogita*. The last certitude is the content of every moment. It is the psychical expansion of our life, or as Dr. Schultz expresses it in his native and untranslatable German, *das Erlebnis des Erlebens*.

Our author lacks perhaps the method of a trained philosopher, but his mode of treatment is nevertheless interesting because he is possessed of common sense and is entertaining even where his ultimate thought is still subject to criticism.

SEMITIC MAGIC. Its Origin and Development. By *R. Campbell Thompson*.
London: Luzac, 1908. Pp. 283. Price, 16s. 6d.

This volume forms a very interesting contribution to Luzac's Oriental Religions Series. The theories contained in it are based on a most careful study of the development of demonology in Western Asia from the time of the cuneiform incantation tablets through the periods of rabbinical tradition, Syriac monkish writings and Arabic tales down to its present survival in modern Oriental superstition. Studied in connection with the parallels offered by Aryan and Hamitic notions, these superstitions combine to throw light on the origin and significance of many of the peculiar customs of the Old Testament. The author divides his subject in the light of certain deductions gleaned from a particular study of the characteristics of the evil spirits which the Semites believed to exist everywhere. These deductions, bearing on the primitive systems of tabu, are as follows: (1) all evil spirits could inflict bodily hurt on men; (2) the relations between human beings and either evil or divine spirits were close enough to allow of intermarriage; (3) from this belief in intermarriage with spirits originated the sexual tabus; (4) since a man might suffer from an unwitting tabu it was necessary to exorcise the demon by transferring the evil influence to some external object; (5) from this idea arose the atonement principle and idea of sin offering; (6) from this stage would naturally arise the substitution of sacrificial animals for the first born.

The book is furnished with a careful and detailed index, followed by a list of Biblical quotations.

THE BURMESE AND ARAKANESE CALENDARS. By *A. M. B. Irwin*. Rangoon:
Hanthawaddy Printing Works, 1909. Pp. 92. Price, 5s. net.

This book serves as a second edition to "The Burmese Calendar," published in 1901, but the author states in his preface that he has been able so to complete by further researches his former work that he is fully justified in giving it a new title. This is made necessary by including the Arakanese calendar together with the Burmese. The book is carefully prepared, the author's object being to make it intelligible and useful to both Europeans and Burmans. Mr. Irwin first describes the calendars as they are, next he shows certain errors in these calendars and points out their cause, suggesting also some alterations. The last part of the book consists of tables by the aid of which English dates may be changed into Burmese and *vice versa*. Tables I to III cover a period of 262 years, table I serving for past years and the others for the future. Table IX supplies the means for changing any date within these years from one calendar to the other.

HINDU TALES. Translated by *John Jacob Meyer*. London: Luzac & Co.,
1909. Pp. 305. Price, 8s. 6d.

This volume is an English translation of the *Ausgewählte Erzählungen* of Jacobi, to whom the author dedicates his work. With regard to the interest